



Simon Ellingham
DIRECTOR'S WORD

Friends, yet another month races by! And it's my privilege once again to let our praying supporters know just how much God has been doing in our schools. As always, I'll try and keep it short and in a summary format, but it's so difficult when there's so much I want to tell you.....

The biggest news is that we've started our series of CAP money workshops in Cheam High to year 10 pupils. This is the first time we've entered into this partnership, and the early signs, after 4 classes out of 14, is that we've made a real impact. Please pray that this new relationship with Cheam develops into even more opportunities to speak the words of Jesus into the lives of the staff and pupils, and to provide all with the chance to receive real help should they need it.

I also arranged a Grill a Christian session with year 11 at Sutton Grammar, where local church friends joined me in answering a number of challenging questions from the students. Please pray that the answers given will continue to resonate in their spirits, and that we may deliver more of these. I've been asked this week by another school to arrange their next one; please pray for even more....

I've met with Maisie to discuss our plans for Transit, our year 6 programme, which is fast approaching, and we've got lots of schools booked in for this, which seems to suggest schools really like what we do and want more.

And it's a busy month coming up at Cheam High. We're also delivering GSUS to year 8, and Self Esteem to year 9. Please pray that these workshops all give the children the chance to respond to the loving words of our Saviour, in whatever format is appropriate for each one (and don't forget the staff who are always present in the room!)

I'm also delivering the year 9 Self Esteem to Oaks Park, but all in one day to 10 classes! Please pray for me on May 15th when I present this session in a large hall to 3 classes together, then 2, then 4.... I'm really relying on God for these!!!

Our long hoped for CU at Oaks Park still can't quite get off the ground. We need a room to meet in on Thursday lunchtimes in which the children can eat their lunch. Please pray that the school will be prompted to organise this soon. However, a wonderful development is that another teacher has offered their room at the later time so that a Years 9 to 11 group can be created. We're now just waiting for the approval of the acting head to get this kick started. Please pray!

And I'm speaking at the lunch club run by St Paul's Northey, Cheam, on Wednesday 6th May, giving a fuller update and telling some stories of how God is impacting people's lives and challenging children. If you're coming along, please say hello and let me know you're one of our praying friends!

And finally, our Giving of the 5000 campaign is up and running. We're planning on visiting as many churches as possible to give more detail, but in the meantime, could you speak to your own leadership and let them know about this? In this update we're providing a link for you to visit our Stewardship page to donate, and we've also produced a video giving more details. There's also a postcard with a QR code to be distributed at your church if you feel this is appropriate. Even more detail is always available on our website, and the video can be viewed there too.

We really need to raise more funds; donations from churches to our work have actually reduced in the last 2 years, and we are genuinely having to contemplate our long term future. Please consider how best we can all contribute to this most vital work. 95% of our young people are not in church on a Sunday morning, but they're in school the next morning, and we speak to nearly all of them in Sutton. Please continue to help us reach out with the words of our Lord!

Thank you

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SUTTON SCHOOLSWORK'S GIVING OF THE 5000



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PRAYER REQUESTS & EVENTS PDF



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PRIMARY SCHOOLS & ASSEMBLY Prayer Requests:

THANK YOU GOD:

- for the wonderful end to the Y2 CSI Easter workshop bookings for the year.
- for the Primary bookings that are already coming in for next year.
- for a new term and new opportunities to visit the primary schools across Sutton!

PLEASE PRAY:

- that the schools that God wants us to deliver specific workshops in next year make their bookings.
- for the Y1 Creation Treasure Hunters Workshop at Cheam Fields this month.
- for the Y6s across the borough of Sutton (and beyond) as they take on their SATs tests on the week beginning Monday 11th May.
- for the Y6 teachers as they do final preparations with the children ahead of SATs week.
- for the SSW staff and Volunteer team in both their SSW tasks and in their personal lives.
- that everyone we meet would know God's love and care for them, His guiding wisdom and His constant presence with them.
- for swift responses from our regular schools and for new bookings in schools we haven't visited for sometime: *Hackbridge, Muschamp, Seaton House and Sutton High.*
- for open doors into *Beddington Park, Collingwood, Harris Academy and Homefield.*

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

Abby & Maisie

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS Prayer Requests:

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Cheam High – Money workshop to Year 10, Self Esteem to Year 9, GSUS to Year 8
- Oaks Park – Self Esteem to Year 9, and both CUs can get started this term
- Nonsuch and Carshalton Boys – teachers will respond to emails
- Carshalton Girls – Date to be arranged for Grill a Christian
- Glenthorne – Meeting with Christian teacher will lead to creation of a brand new CU

Thank you for your continued prayers!

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THE POWER OF PRAYER



Would you like to be able to pray for SSW when they need it most?

Please join our new, growing WhatsApp group, which staff use to post as they arrive at a school what they are about to do.

Praying supporters can then quickly pray for that particular activity, asking God to do amazing things.

Please contact the office on secretary@suttonschoolswork.co.uk and have your details added.

